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SUBJECT: AFGHAN/PAK RELATIONS IN AFTERMATH OF JULY DISTURBANCES

1. AMBASSADOR ALI ARSHAD ADKED ME TODAY TO GIVE HIM USG VIEWS OF RECENT AFGHAN/PAKISEAN PROBLEMS IN AFTERMATH OF DISTURBANCES IN PANJSHIR AND ELSEWHERE DURING JULY 1975. I TOLD HIM I THOUGHT THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTA, (GOA) HAD BEEN DISTURBED BY THE INCDENTS, BUT THAT THE BASIC STABILITY OF THE DAOUD GOVERNMENT HAD NOT BEEN AFFECTED. I SAID I WAS SURE AMBASSADOR ARSHAD HAD HEARDSTORIES IN THE KABUL RUMOR MILL THAT THMERE HAD BEEN SOME KIND OF DIRECT OR INDIRECT PAKISTANI INVOLVEMENT IN THE PANJSHIR, PAKTIA, JALALABAD, AND LAGHMAN DISTURBANCES. I SAID MY OGVERNMENT WAS NOT JUDGING THIS MATTER, BUT HOPED AS FRIEND OF BOTH AFGHAN-ISTAN AND PAKISTAN, THAT BOTH THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN (GOP) AND GOA WOULD TRY TO CONCENTRATE ON FINDING WAYS TO DECREASE TENSION AND AVOID ANY ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT EXACERBATE THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONS. I THEN ASKED AMBASSADOR ARSHAD WHETHER HE GAVE ANY CURRENCY TO THE STORY THAT RIGHT-WING RELIGIOUS GROUPS IN PAKISTAN (IKHWAN AL MUSLIMIN OR JAM'IYAT AL-ISLAM) MIGHT HAVE ENCOURAGED OR EVEN SUPPORTED AFGHAN DISSIDENTS WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GOVERNMENT

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OF ISLAMABAD.

2. ARSHAD (PLEASE PROTECT HIS STATEMENTS IN THIS PARAGRAPH), AFTER MANY DISCLAIMERS OF POSSESSION OF ANY OFFICIAL INFORMATION, ADMITTED THAT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE FOR RIGHT-WING RELIGIOUS GROUPS IN THE NORTHEAST FRONTIER PROVINCE (NWFP) TO PROVIDE SUCH ASSISTANCE. ARSHAD SAID "THIS KIND OF THING -- I.E., TROUBLE-MAKING IN BOTH DIRECTIONS -- HAS BEEN GOING ON IN THE NWFP FOR YEARS." BUT HE CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT THE GOP KNEW ANYTHING AHEAD OF TIME ABOUT THE JULY 1975 INCIDENTS AND SAID THAT PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO LAST WEEK PERSONALLY HAD EXPRESSED HIS CHAGRIN TO ARSHAD THAT INSURGENCIES HAD OCCURRED AT A TIME WHEN THE GOP WAS HOPING TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS WITH KABUL.

3. ARSHAD TOLE ME HE HAD A MESSAGE FROM AZIZ AHMED FOR WAHEED ABDULLAH WHICH WAS DESIGNED TO POUR OIL ON TROUBLED AFGHAN/PAK WATERS.

4. ARSHAD SAID HE HOPED TO DO HIS BEST TO KEEP GOP/GOA RELATIONS ON A POSITIVE TACK, BUT HE EXPECTED THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS TO BE A DIFFICULT PERIOD.

5. THE CONVERSATION CONCLUDED WITH BOTH OF US EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE MIGHT BE A PERIOD OF RELATIVE CALM SO THAT BETTER COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN ISLAMABAD AND KABUL COULD BE FOSTERED.  
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